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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed documents are enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. JPA 01-242035, JPA 04-132542 and JPA 04-336053, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstracts.

The cited documents were cited in a Official Action in a counterpart application, a translation of the relevant portions of which are attached.

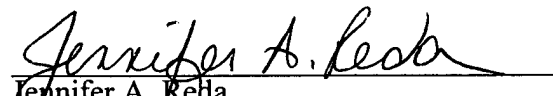
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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